

To the Federal Communications Commission:

I have invested substantial amounts of my retirement funds in competitive telecommunications companies. The companies in Nevada have been thwarted at each and every turn by the local monopoly, Nevada Bell, when new and innovative services were to have been put out to the public.

Please look to the documents already submitted complaining of this misconduct. This Commission must act firmly and decisively to curb, once and for all, the anticompetitive practices that strangle small businesses. You need only to look at the current state of the industry to determine that something MUST be done NOW.

I urge the Commission to deny this application, investigate the applicant's claims in view of the documents supplied, and compel compliance with the laws that govern the rest of us.

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